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Thursday - 24 September 1970

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2. [] [] and I accompanied Messrs. Duckett and Brandwein who briefed the Special Group of House Science and Astronautics Committee on the Soviet space program. See Memo for Record.

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3. [] Received a request from Vincent Augliere, Staff Administrator, House Government Operations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations and Government Information, for any late information on the Middle East situation which Chairman John Moss might properly use in a TV interview this afternoon in California. After checking with DDI and OCI I called Augliere to say that Mr. Moss might take advantage of the opportunity to refute Soviet claims for credit in cooling off the Middle East crisis by noting that in fact the Syrians had backed off primarily as a result of defeats administered by the Jordanian army []

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Monday - 21 September 1970

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1. [] Richard Perle and Dorothy Fosdick, on the staff of Senator Jackson's Subcommittee on National Security and International Operations, came to the Agency Saturday for a briefing by [] OCI/NE, on Arab guerrilla organizations. The briefing lasted about one hour. In addition to the briefing on Arab guerrillas, [] answered several questions on the situation in the Middle East in general and whether there had been an increase in the number of Egyptian SAM sites.

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2. [] SB Division, called to say he had learned indirectly from one of his employees that Malcolm Hawk, on the staff of Senator Roman Hruska (R., Neb.), has recently been approached by the third secretary of the Russian Embassy in Washington and has met him officially several times. Hawk wondered if the Agency had any interest in his pursuing this contact. I advised [] of our office policy which was to avoid involvement in situations of this sort in the absence of some compelling reason to do otherwise and our referral of the individual concerned to the FBI. I added that if Hawk wanted a point of contact in the Agency, however, he should call this office.

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3. [] In response to his request, hand-carried to Ed Braswell, on the staff of the Senate Armed Services Committee, another copy of our Agency Text and Explanation book and identified for him section 5 of the CIA Act concerning transfers of funds.

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4. [] Jim Gehrig, Staff Director, Senate Aeronautical and Space Sciences Committee, called to check on the accuracy of the Tass announcement that the Soviet Luna probe had landed on the moon, scooped up moon rocks, and was heading back. After checking with Mr. Brandwein I confirmed the accuracy of the Tass announcement to Gehrig who asked that we keep him informed of any other developments.

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Thursday - 17 September 1970

25X1 1. [] Met with Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and obtained his signature on a secrecy agreement for a sensitive project.

Briefed Slatinshek on the current Middle East situation.

25X1 2. [] Following my above meeting with Mr. Slatinshek he called in John J. Ford, of the Committee staff, and we discussed the problem of the "Fulbright amendment" to the Military Procurement Authorization bill which goes to the House-Senate Conference next week. Slatinshek was under the impression that the amendment would cause grave problems for the Agency's operations in Southeast Asia and asked what we proposed to do about it. I explained to him our earlier meeting with Russ Blandford and Pentagon representatives (see Journal of 3 September) with which Slatinshek was apparently unfamiliar. I went on to say we had since discussed the matter among ourselves and that our current, but perhaps not final, position was that while the amendment might cause us some trouble, it was unlikely it could be struck out of the bill entirely and as an alternative it might be amended as Blandford had suggested. Slatinshek was puzzled and obviously annoyed that the DOD had not taken exception to the Fulbright amendment, and asked that we provide him by close of business tomorrow, Friday, 18 September, any arguments which Chairman Rivers might use in seeking (a) the deletion and (b) the revision, of the Fulbright amendment.

25X1 3. [] Met briefly with Russ Blandford, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and summarized the Middle East situation. Blandford will enter the hospital next week for extensive surgery and said he would probably not be back before Christmas.

25X1 4. [] Briefed Chairman John Stennis, Senate Armed Services Committee, on the highlights of the present Middle East situation. Stennis said he very much hoped to call on us for a full round-up briefing in the near future, explaining that he realized this was long overdue but his hectic recent schedule had made it quite impossible.

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